GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
LOK SABHA

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MINING IN KARMATIA GOLD RESERVE
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start mining in the Karmatia gold reserve in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the percentage of gold likely to be obtained on the basis of survey carried out in this regard; and

(d) the scheme under consideration of the Government for this gold reserve at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d) The Geological Survey of India (GSI) had carried out investigation for gold at Karmatia area of Bihar during 1982-86 and 1995-96, and the Department of Mines and Geology of the Government of Bihar also carried out detailed investigation for gold. GSI has stated that the above investigation reports indicate that the Karmatia area has no definite zone of gold mineralisation and estimated grade of ore appears to be of no economic significance. No proposal for grant of mining lease for gold in Karmatia area of Bihar has been received in the Central Government for prior concurrence under the Mines and Minerals (Developmentand Regulation) Act, 1957.